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FOR WILLIAM LUERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: 1977 OASGA

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1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT STEPS ARE UNDERWAY ON USG PART OF ABORT THE SUBJECT MEETING SITE, ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, TO ANOTHER VENUE. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, THIS ACTION, WHICH COMES ENTIRELY TOO LATE, IN MY OPINION, WILL ONLY CREATE HOSTILITY TOWARDS USG BY CARIBBEAN NATIONS, AND POSSIBLE OTHERS. GRANTED, GRENADA PM GAIRY IS NOT A POPULAR OR RESPECTED FIGURE IN THESE PARTS, AND GRENADA DOES NOT HAVE IDEAL FACILITIES, BUT HIS INVITATION TO HOST THE OASGA WAS ACCEPTED, AND AMPLE OPPORTUNITY, SEVEN MONTHS, WAS AVAILABLE FOR USG TO RAISE OBJECTIONS. ALONG WITH OAS EXPERTS AND RESOURCES, PLUS THEIR OWN MEAGER RESOURCES, THEY HAVE ENDEAVORED TO DO THEIR BEST, PERHAPS IN GOOD FAITH. THIS IS, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THE FIRST SUCH GA IN AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENGLISH-SPEAKING, BLACK, COMMONWEALTH NATION. WHETHER WE AGREE OR NOT, MOST WOULD FEEL THAT THE US HAS THE CAPACITY AND RESOURCES TO MAKE THIS GA A PASSABLE SUCCESS. PERHAPS WE LACK THE WILL TO BE HELPFUL, OR LIKE OTHER SISTER NATIONS, WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE GOG LEADERSHIP. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT USG INTERESTS ARE BEST SERVED BY BEING AS SUPPORTIVE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN OF ALL EFFORTS TO DATE. SURELY,

EMBASSY CABLES DATING BACK TO LAST SUMMER HAVE POINTED OUT THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN A GRENADA OASGA, WITHOUT ACTION, WHEN TIME WAS MORE PROPITIOUS. I THINK WE HAVE FORFEITED OUR OPPORTUNITY, AND NOW FIND OURSELVES IN A PREJUDICED POSITION. IT WOULD BE UNSEEMLY TO BOYCOTT THE SESSION BECAUSE OF THE NATION'S POVERTY, AND DEMEANING TO BE UNHELPFUL TO ONE WHO NEEDS HELP.

2. I WOULD STRONGLY URGE QUIET SURVEY, IF NOT DONE ALREADY, OF OAS PER REPS, TO DETERMINE MOOD. IF THEIR FEELINGS RE OASGA IN GRENADA ARE NEGATIVE, URGE ONE OTHER THAN USG TO INITIATE ACTION. IF NOT, THEN WE JUST HELP WHERE WE CAN. KEEP IN MIND THAT HOST PM IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH OAS O/A JANUARY 25.
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